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1. Both on arrival and departure, ships are subjected to the usual check on the part of police in the port of Constanta. During loading and unloading operations, the ship is kept under surveillance by two armed guards standing at the foot of the gangplank and along the dock. All persons going to and from the ship are checked.
2. The crew list in five copies must be given to the Port Authorities in order to obtain permission for the crew members to go ashore. No member of the crew may remain ashore after 2400 hours. During the period 19 November - 9 December, there were Soviet tankers in port.
3. There is a lack of laborers in the port area and military personnel are used to load and unload ships. All civilians, during the period of one year, must contribute thirty days of forced labor at no pay and with just the meals served in state messes.
4. At present there are about 15,000 Soviet soldiers and their families in Constanta. The Casino, located along the boardwalk, which was formerly frequented only by Soviet military personnel, is now open to everyone, including foreigners.
5. On the morning of 8 December, a tugboat flying the Rumanian flag sailed from the port area in a southerly direction, towing a large gunnery practice target. A little later, however, the tugboat was forced to return to port because of the very bad weather.

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